

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

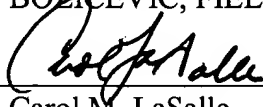
Claims 1-9 were examined. Claims 1-8 were rejected and claim 9 was allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication of allowance.

In order to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants herein cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice. As such, only allowed claim 9 remains pending. Claim 9 has been amended solely to correct for typographical errors and to provide clarity.

As all of the rejected claims have been cancelled, the rejections have been made moot and the application is in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number CNVG-004US1DIV2.

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